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1. SUMMARY - LARGEST CIRCULATION UNITED DAILY NEWS
(380,000) CARRIED THREE-PART SERIES BY ASSISTANT
MANAGING EDITOR CHANG TSO-CHING, RETURNED CU GRANTEE,
SAYING AFTER MONTH'S VISIT COULD NOT DETERMINE IF U.S.
WILL RECOGNIZE PRC BUT QUOTED STATE OFFICIAL SAYING
U.S.-PRC RELATIONS PROCEEDING ACCORDING SHANGHAI
COMMUNIQUE BUT NO FORMULAS SET YET FOR PRESIDENT FORD'S
CHINA VISIT. END SUMMARY.

2. CHANG SAID DURING TWO-MONTH U.S.-EUROPEAN TOUR
HIS MAJOR QUESTION WAS: "WILL U.S. FURTHER DEVELOP
RELATIONS WITH COMMUNIST CHINA?" COULD NOT DETERMINE
WHETHER U.S. WILL REDOGNIZE COMMUNIST CHINA. QUOTED
STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL SEEING NO CHANGE PRESENT U.S.-
CHINA POLICY. OFFICIAL SAID ASIA FACING NEW SITUATION
AND BELIEVED ROC'S STRENGTH AND PROSPERITY CAN COPE
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FUTURE CHALLENGES. ON U.S.-PRC RELATIONS, STATE OFFICIAL

SAID THEY PROCEEDING ACCORDING SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.
SAID NO FORMULA SET FOR PRESIDENT FORD'S PRC VISIT.
CHANG SAID MET SENATORS FONG AND BUMPERS, CONGRESSMAN
ZABLOCKI AND SEVERAL CONGRESSIONAL AIDES. SENATOR
BUMPERS QUOTED WANTING VISIT TAIWAN LAST 1975. CHANG ALSO
MET CHINA SPECIALISTS WILLIAM WHITSON, DOAK BARNETT,
RALPH CLOUGH, EARL RAVENAL, ROBERT SCALAPINO AND JEROME
COHEN. SAID THESE SCHOLARS THOUGHT POWER BALANCE BASIC
WAY AVOID WAR. THAT ALSO BASIC THEORY WITH WHICH U.S.
DEALS WITH PRC. MANY THESE PEOPLE FOR NORMALIZATION
RELATIONS WITH PEIPING BUT CONTINUE SUPPORT IDEA THAT U.S.
SHOULD HELP ROC MAINTAIN TAIWAN'S SECURITY. ALTHOUGH
TAIWAN ISSUE IS KEY TO U.S. CHINA POLICY IS VERY DIFFICULT
FIND SOLUTION. THEREFORE, NO CONCRETE RESULTS ARE
EXPECTED FROM FORD'S CHINA VISIT. THINGS WILL BE
DIFFERENT AFTER 1976 WHETHER FORD RE-ELECTED OR DEMOCRAT
WINS. CHANG THOUGHT U.S. GOVERNMENT NOW DOING WHAT
AMERICAN CHINAWATCHERS ADVOCATED EARLIER. DANGEROUS TO
TRY AND JUDGE U.S. POLICY FROM VIEWPOINT MORAL VALUES
SINCE EVERY NATION HAS OWN SELF INTERESTS TO CONSIDER.

3. IN A SECOND ARTICLE CHANG URGED CHINESE PEOPLE
FIRMLY UNITE TO BUILD DEMOCRATIC, FREE AND CONSOLIDATED
NATION IN FREE CHINA.

4. IN THIRD ARTICLE CHANG SAID ROC AMBASSADOR SHEN HAS
ONE WORLD'S MOST DIFFICULT JOBS IN WASHINGTON. MUST BE
UTTERLY TASTELESS SEE PRESIDENT FORD RECEIVE AFTER
INAUGURATION "OUR ENEMY'S" HEAD OF LIAISON OFFICE WHILE
ONLY DEPUTY SECRETARY STATE RECEIVED SHEN. CHANG
FOUND FLAWS IN ROC DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENT IN U.S. AND
EUROPE. LOW MORALE AND INACTIVITY TWO MAJOR PROBLEMS.
CHANG URGED UNIFIED SUPERVISION FROM TAIPEI OVER ALL
CHINESE GOVERNMENT WORKERS ABROAD, INCLUDING DIPLOMATS,
ECONOMIC, TRADE, EDUCATIONAL AND PUBLICITY OFFICIALS.
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